



City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development

2009 SBC Code Solution

Section 1104
Accessible Route Within Type A Unit
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Code Issue:

Is an accessible route required to all floors of a multi-story Type A unit?

Interpretation:

Yes. There are no exceptions to the general requirement from SBC Section 1104.3 that all portions of a Type A unit, including mezzanines, be accessible.

Potential exceptions that we have determined do not apply in this case:

- SBC Section 1104.4, Exception 2 (No exceptions in 1107 or 1108)
- SBC Section 1107.7.2 (Only says not required to be Type B unit. Does not address Type A units.)

NOTE: Once it has been determined that all floors are required to be accessible then SBC Section 1104.5 requires the accessible route to be internal to the unit (assuming there are stairs for internal circulation). Section 1109.7 Item 4 may allow a stair lift or other platform lift to be used in lieu of an elevator.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- *If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application*
- *If you have not submitted an application, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process_Overview/Location_Hours/default.asp*



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